

CENTENNIAL EDITION

# THE MOTHER ROAD 100 YEARS OF ROUTE 66

## A CENTURY ON THE ROAD

**1926**

Route 66 established.



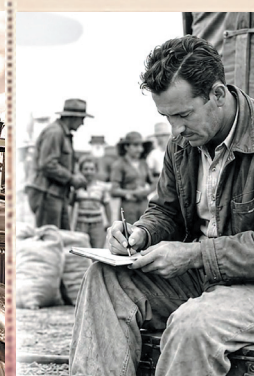
**1930s**

Dust Bowl migration west.



**1940s**

Military transport corridor during World War II.



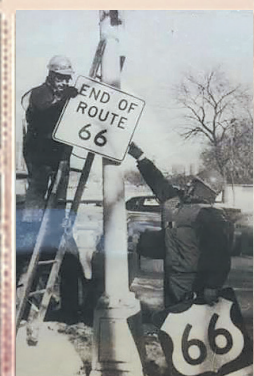
**1950s**

Golden age of motels, diners, and family vacations.



**1985**

Officially removed from the U.S. highway system.



**2026**

The Mother Road turns 100.



### THE ROAD THAT CHANGED AMERICA

When Route 66 opened in 1926, it connected Chicago and Santa Monica through eight states and hundreds of communities. During the Dust Bowl years it became a pathway west. During the postwar boom it became America's favorite road trip.

Though officially decommissioned in 1985, Route 66 remains a symbol of freedom, adventure and opportunity.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- 2,448** MILES
- 8** STATES
- 3** TIMES ZONES
- HUNDREDS OF NEON SIGNS**
- MILLIONS OF TRAVELERS**
- 100** YEARS OLD

### CALIFORNIA'S BEST ROUTE 66 STOPS

- SANTA MONICA PIER**  
Symbolic western terminus of Route 66.
- ROY'S MOTEL & CAFE**  
One of the most photographed roadside icons in America.
- ELMER'S BOTTLE TREE RANCH**  
A uniquely California roadside attraction.
- WIGWAM MOTEL**  
Classic Route 66 Americana.
- ROUTE 66 END OF TRAIL**  
Official terminus marker near Olympic Blvd. and Lincoln Blvd.

### ★★ THE ROAD THAT BUILT AMERICA ★★

For generations, Route 66 carried dreamers west in search of adventure, opportunity, and a better life.